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Death sentence and life imprisonment

* 150-J *Q.*—SRI P. G. MANICKAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state the number of persons,

(i) sentenced to death, and

(ii) sentenced to imprisonment for life in Madras State during 1957 and 1958 (up to April 1958), districtwar?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (i) & (ii) A statement [a] is placed on the table of the House.

Railway line between Arkonam and Erode

* 150-K *Q.*—SRI P. G. MANICKAM: கனம் உள் விவகார அமைச்சர் அவர்கள் தயவு செய்து பதிலளிப்பாரா—

(அ) அரக்கோணத்திலிருந்து ஈரோடு வரைக்கும் போகவர இரட்டை ரயில்வே தொடர்பாதைகளை அமைப்பதற்கான திட்டம் ஒன்று இருப்பதாக அரசாங்கத்தாருக்குத் தகவல் ஏதாவது உண்டா ?

(ஆ) இருப்பின் இத்திட்டம் எப்போது அமுலுக்கு வரும் ?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) Yes, Sir.

(*b*) The work relating to the doubling of railway track from Arkonam and Erode has already been taken up for execution by the Southern Railway and the work is in progress in certain sections of the line.

Tannery

* 150-L *Q.*—SRI S. LAZAR: Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any useful commodity or product is manufactured out of wastes from tanneries; and

(*b*) if so, whether there is any proposal with the Government to make use of the wastes from tanneries in Tiruchirappalli to manufacture such products?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM: (*a*) Yes, Sir. Woollen products are manufactured from wool and glue from flesh. Used barks in the tanneries are sold as manure to the agriculturists.

(*b*) There is no such proposal at present.

Madras Central Jail

* 150-M *Q.*—SRI K. VINAYAKAM: Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there is a carpentry section in Central Jail, Madras where prisoners make tools and other pieces of furniture;

(*b*) whether they are sold and any amount realised;

(*c*) when was the contract for 1958–59 for the purchase of timber for this jail settled;

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(*d*) whether there was any delay in accepting the rates for timber; and

(*e*) whether any work was turned out in the carpentary section during the period, when no timber was available or purchased?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) There is a carpentary section where the prisoners manufacture articles of furniture. There is no section for manufacturing tools

(*b*) The finished products are supplied to Government departments. The value of the articles of furniture sold in 1957 was Rs. 65,166.

(*c*) In June 1958.

(*d*) A new system of inviting tenders on a centralised basis has been introduced as an experimental measure. This being the first year in which the trial is made without extra staff, there was some unavoidable delay. The question how matters could be further simplified and expedited in regard to the next tender is engaging the Inspector-General's attention.

(*e*) Regular work was turned out during the period with the timber which was on stock at the end of the previous contract year.

Loans on standing crops

* 150-N *Q*.—SRI K. SATTANATHA KARAYALAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Home be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether any loans have been granted on standing crops; and

(*b*) if so, the amount given in 1957–58 district-war?

THE HON. SRI M. BHAKTAVATSALAM : (*a*) & (*b*) No loans are granted from Government funds on the security of standing crops. Loans are, however, granted on the pledge of standing crops by Co-operative banks.

(*b*) The amounts given in 1957–58 by the Co-operative Banks are :

	RS.
(i) Pattukottai Co-operative Central Bank, Limited.	86,830
(ii) The Nilgiris Co-operative Central Bank, Limited.	69,517
Total ...	1,56,347

MR. SPEAKER : Questions are over.